

### YULETIDE HAPPIEST RECORDED IN YEARS

Unprecedented Era of Buying  
Reported by Mercantile  
Associations.

### NAVY WILL CELEBRATE

No Matter Where the Ships  
May Be Turkey Somehow  
Has Been Provided.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With peace a de facto fact and a de jure condition the American people to-night begin the celebration of Christmas in pre-war spirit.

Evidence of the nationwide return to the spirit that dominated the American Christmas prior to 1914, when the war, although then confined to Europe, cast a reflection across the Atlantic, has been noted in unprecedented buying of gifts, according to reports to the headquarters of mercantile associations. Christmas mail—some of the most exact indications of national participation in the spirit of the holiday—have been the heaviest on record, it was said to-night by Post Office Department officials.

President Wilson, owing to his illness, will pass to-morrow quietly. Because of Mr. Wilson's illness the grandchildren of the family will not be at the White House to-morrow, and for the first time in the Wilson Administration there will be no Christmas tree. The interior of the White House to-night, however, was decorated throughout in Christmas style. Mrs. Wilson during the day having supervised the placing of evergreens, holly and other Christmas decorations.

Reverend notes on the President's illness have been removed by his physician, Rear Admiral Grayson, and he will eat his Christmas dinner in his room. Unless the weather should prove disagreeable he will follow his newly prescribed custom of passing a part of the afternoon in a wheelchair on the White House porch.

### GREETINGS SENT TO ARMY.

Officers and men of the army, whether they be in Europe or in the island possessions of the Panama Canal Zone, had received to-night the greetings of Secretary Baker.

Special messages have been made for Christmas by the navy. The Navy Department and the navy to-day that its men, whether in home waters or in remote parts of the world, would have the merriest Christmas in the navy's history. Ship supply officers, it was said, began earlier than usual this year to prepare for the usual time of the year, to insure that a turkey dinner would be served to the crews of the fleet.

Naval radio stations to-day sent broadcast the following message from Secretary Daniels:

Christmas greetings to all in the naval service. The mobilization has been many a Christmas, when we celebrated the peace the navy had helped to win, but they are still our comrades. The glory of achievement shines with all who served in the world war. May the blessings of the peace won and the blessings of the Prince of Peace cheer every heart this Christmas time.

### Return to the Old Era.

Secretary Lansing issued to-night this statement addressed to the American people:

Christmas on December 25 celebrates the anniversary of the birth of an era which gave to mankind a divine message of peace and the principles which have been the foundation stones of modern progress and civilization.

To-day it is heralded abroad that we have entered upon a new era of peace and of higher standards of international life. It is not a new era but the old era which was ushered in by the birth of Jesus, perfected by His teachings and consecrated by His death—the old era, to which we return after a time of madness, of agony and of evil. Clothed in the ancient peace proclaimed over nineteen centuries ago on the hills of Jerusalem, the world, with conscience awakened by the bereavement through which it has passed, should find renewed hope that Christian principles will triumph and become the dominant force in the affairs of men and of nations.

### Reindeer Too Slow, So Santa Claus Will Fly

Special Despatch to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Santa Claus has surrendered to the use of the airplane. For the first time in the long life of the reindeer the gentleman has decided on the use of the airplane for the distribution of some of his Christmas gifts this year.

Direct from his winter quarters there came word to-day to the Post Office Department here that the reindeer were not sturdy enough for the transportation of all the gifts brought by the prosperity of 1919, and the postal officials immediately offered the use of the mail planes so that no one in the country would be missed in his annual visit.

EDWARDS LAMENTS  
PENURY OF THE U. S.McAdoo Supports Plea for  
Higher Government Pay.

Big Bill Edwards, Collector of Internal Revenue for this district, and William G. McAdoo, formerly Secretary of the Treasury, were the principal speakers at a Christmas party given at the Custom House yesterday, and both of them devoted their oratorical gifts to a lament that the practice of the Christmas bonus has not found an upholder in Uncle Sam.

For a number of years it has been in order in the Custom House to get together on the day before Christmas and stir up the Christmas spirit. But at yesterday's party all the speakers conceded that they were trying to evoke sunshine out of a gray day.

"Some day," said Mr. Edwards, "some big fat is going to line up and knock on the door of official Washington and demand that Federal employees have an increase in wages. Their work has got to be done well. I challenge any man to show me any set of men who do their work better than the force here in the Custom House."

"But at this season of the year when all the Wall Street firms and other big business houses are handing out 30 and 40 per cent. bonuses it is very humiliating for me as Collector to be obliged to get up here and talk as I am talking. But what I am trying to do to-day is to start a spirit and movement to bring about that Federal employees will get some real recognition for the services they render."

To which Mr. McAdoo added this sentiment:

"I don't hesitate to say that the Government of the United States pursues a policy with respect to its officers and employees which is absolutely indefensible, especially with those who occupy the most important positions."

"I hope sincerely that some day our great Government will see to it that the wages paid to those serving the United States are based not upon a parity with the wages for similar services in most private industries and occupations."

### CITY CHARITIES PLAY SANTA TO THE POOR

Thousands of Christmas Gifts  
and Dinners Distributed  
to Needy.

### SALVATION ARMY BUSY

Social Service Bureau of Bellevue Remembers Little Patients.

Never before have the charitable organizations of New York had more ambitious programmes for bringing Christmas cheer to the city's poor than this year. Thousands of Christmas dinners were distributed in baskets yesterday to needy families, gifts of toys, warm clothing and candy were handed out almost without number to children who otherwise might have gone unremembered. And in many sections of the city there were brilliantly illuminated Christmas trees in the streets and Christmas celebrations in which music and gifts and food all had their part.

The Salvation Army, following its annual custom, gave 3,000 baskets containing the ingredients of Christmas dinners to families found worthy and in need. Instead of making the distribution from national headquarters, in 122 West Fourteenth street, as has been the plan in former years, it was decided to distribute the dinners from various central points, that mothers with small children might not be compelled to make the long journey to Fourteenth street.

Distribution centres were established at 94 Cherry street, where 800 baskets were given away during the forenoon; 218 East 104th street, where there were 675 baskets; 60 Cooper square, 500 baskets; 157 East 125th street, 500 baskets; at Stanton island, where 75 baskets were in readiness. Six hundred more baskets were prepared in Brooklyn. Each basket contained a chicken, two pounds of rice, a can of condensed milk, large loaf of bread, bag of salt, can of soup, pound of coffee, can of pork and beans, potatoes, macaroni, jelly, onions, butter and apples. It was found impossible, however, to provide sugar, despite efforts by the army authorities here to obtain two or three tons.

Santa Claus at Bellevue.

The Social Service Bureau of Bellevue Hospital gave Christmas presents to all the children patients as well as to many who have been discharged recently. The bureau raised an unusually large sum for the purchase of gifts by sending out postcard stockings, each of which contained ten tickets in which charitable disbursements might place them. Practically all of the stockings were returned with their full quota of money it was said.

Miss Ruth Harris, one of the workers in the bureau, loaded an automobile with gifts yesterday and visited several children who are patients in the maternity clinic and who are spending the holidays with their parents.

A Christmas party at which several hundred sailors were entertained was given by the New York Community Service at the Riverside Community House, Ninety-seventh street and Riverside Park, last night. There was a Santa Claus in costume and a distribution of gifts followed dancing.

"There was another Christmas party last night for sailors at the Sailors' Home and Institute of the American Seamen's Friend Society, which was attended by more than 500, including the crews of Cunard Line ships. Gifts were distributed and there was an entertainment.

In Madison Square Park the Tree of Light, which has blazed forth there every Christmas Eve in recent years, was lighted at 8 o'clock. There was an accompanying fanfare of trumpets and Christmas carols were sung by the New York Community Chorus of 300 voices, led by Harry Barnhart. Books of Christmas carols were distributed by Boy Scouts.

Unnumbered children received Christmas greetings from their favorite moving picture actresses at the Community Service booths at "Playland" in the Grand Central Palace. Miss June Caprice, Miss Louise Huff and other movie stars spent several hours with the children there.

Poor Christmas trees for the poor children of the various precincts continued to be held in station houses all over town, permission for the festivities having been given by Commissioner Enright. Holders of tickets who resolved to gifts at the Seventy-first Regiment Armory party Tuesday night, where the

### SOLDIERS ASSURED OF HOLIDAY CHEER

Elaborate Plans Made for  
Wounded Heroes by Many  
Organizations.

### PARTIES FOR CHILDREN

Youngsters to Have Receptions  
of Their Own—Special  
Church Services.

Christmas celebrations will engross New York city to-day to the exclusion of virtually everything else. Practically all of the churches will hold services and charitable and benevolent organizations will do their utmost to spread cheer among the city's poor. There will be innumerable Christmas trees at which gifts and baskets will be distributed. Business will practically be suspended.

Wounded soldiers fortunate enough to obtain leave of absence from military hospitals in the vicinity of the city will be entertained this morning at a Christmas tree in the Pershing House, where candy, gifts and two \$1 bills will be presented to all comers. Mrs. James Madison Blake will make the distributions before the soldiers sit down to an old-fashioned Christmas breakfast.

It will be the fifth continuous Christmas party arranged by the Community Service for wounded men hereabout. The church festivities at Pershing House will be continued until Saturday. The opening of the new Carry On Club, 271 Madison avenue, which will house forty disabled men, all of whom have been on the waiting list of the Carry On Association for several months, will be celebrated to-day. The boys from the new club and the old one, opened last April at Madison avenue and Thirty-eighth street, have invited thirty children whose fathers were killed in the war to have Christmas dinner at the club. The party will then move up to the new club, where the Christmas tree is to be held and gifts donated by the wounded men will be given each child.

Dinner for Newboys.

A long programme will be observed at the Grace Memorial Newboys' House, 244 William street. The annual Christmas dinner is being given by Thomas W. Lamont in memory of Evert Jansen Wendell, known as the "friend of boys world wide." This will take place noon, and in the evening the boys of the house will present an entertainment of vaudeville skits. There will be gifts for every boy.

Russian children will be the chief beneficiaries to-day at "Playland," the Christmas carnival for youngsters being held this week in the Grand Central Palace. The American Central Committee for Russian Relief is planning to close its booths all the afternoon and evening to-day and devote itself to the

### 1,300 Poor Children Happy

Over 1,300 poor children were guests of Capt. John Noble and his men at a Christmas tree at the East 126th street station. Patrolman Thomas Byrnes impersonated Santa Claus and distributed the gifts which had been stacked at the base of a brilliantly lighted tree. The girls received dolls, hats and stockings; and caps, toys and stockings were provided for the boys. In addition each child received a bag of candy and fruit and a chocolate rug.

There was also an entertainment at which two jazz bands furnished music as well as the police band. Vaudeville performers from near by theatres volunteered their services. But most interesting of all to the youngsters was the truly amazing feat of Buck McKee, a Westerner, who actually rode a tame elk from the street up a stairway to the second floor of the station house, where the gifts were being distributed. Baskets were distributed to poor families who called at the station during the day.

There was a similar Christmas party yesterday at the East 104th street station. In command of Charles Ruth, about 500 children were there, and the same number of baskets were sent out. The same number of kids gathered at the Morrisania station, where Capt. John J. Lantry was host. At the West 135th street station the Christmas tree was lighted at 3 o'clock. Baskets and gifts were also distributed from the Alexander avenue station in The Bronx.

Captain Jerry Butler and Patrolman Joseph McDowd doubled as Santa Claus and distributed Christmas gifts valued at \$6,000 at the Liberty Avenue station, Brooklyn, yesterday. A chorus of twelve policemen sang with Patrolman William F. Moley as the soloist. Captain Butler told the kids always to regard the policemen as their friends and never to be afraid to tell them their troubles. At Brooklyn station houses holding celebrations yesterday were those at Avenue G and East Ninety-fifth street, Captain W. H. Nedwell; Snyder avenue, Captain M. R. Kelly; and Wilson avenue, Captain J. H. Van Wagner.

Christmas Eve services ushered in the holidays at many of the city churches last night. There was a "Festival of Lights" at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, after the manner of the famous midnight mass at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris.

At St. Agnes' Church, Trinity parish, in West Ninety-second street, children sang Christmas carols at a service at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. There was also a children's service and "Feast of Lights" at the Chapel of the Intercession, Trinity parish, Broadway and 155th street. Afterward a procession of light bearers marched to the grave of Clement C. Moore, at "The Night Before Christmas." Carols were sung and wreaths placed upon the grave. From there the procession proceeded to the grave of Alfred Thompson Dickens, eldest son of Charles Dickens, where the ceremonies were repeated.

There was a midnight communion service at the Church of the Heavenly Disposition, at the corner of Broadway and 155th street. There was also a service last night in the Church of the Heavenly Disposition.

Mayor Hylan yesterday issued a Christmas greeting to his fellow citizens in which he assailed the forces "still operating to create discord and dissension on both continents."

### entertainment of the children. Miss Jean Morrison will play Russian Christmas music on the harp, and there will be special numbers by a balalaika orchestra composed of Russian children.

There is to be a children's reception at the Community Service booths at the Grand Central Palace at 3 o'clock this afternoon at which Miss Edna Ferguson will receive and entertain the youngsters. Miss Dolores Cammelli will be the hostess to-morrow and Miss Virginia Pearson on Saturday.

At the Tree of Light in Madison Square there will be singing to-night by a group of Italians. On Monday night there will be music by the Salvation Army Santa Claus Band. It will be assisted by a chorus of soldiers and sailors. New Year's eve there will be a negro song rally.

Plenty for Soldiers.

The Navy Club at 509 Fifth avenue will entertain sick and wounded soldiers and sailors from the hospitals in the vicinity. Several hundred presents will be distributed. The Khaki and Blue Home Club, 108 West Seventy-seventh street, will entertain with Christmas tree, presents and "cavi."

The Y. M. C. A. is providing good cheer for service men at various points throughout the city. Victory Hut in Battery Park is providing an elaborate dinner, followed by Christmas tree and gifts, a social afternoon with South College girls, and in the evening there will be dancing, vaudeville and refreshments. At the Fifty-sixth street barracks of the Motor Transport Corps there will be a distribution of gifts at noon to-day, and lively Y. M. C. A. parties will take place in the "Y" buildings at Fort Stoen, Jay and Hancock. Such warships as there are in port will be visited and gifts supplied to every member of the crew.

The McAuley Water Street Mission will repeat its yearly Christmas dinner. Lieut.-Col. Theodore Roosevelt will be Santa Claus for the children of the little red brick schoolhouse near Oyster Bay. New York Lodge No. 1, Order of Elias, will give 10,000 Christmas baskets to Santa Claus for distribution among the needy.

A Christmas dinner will be served several hundred men at the Bowery Mission, and Dr. John Galfallmond will deliver an address on "The Spirit of Christmas."

There will be services at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine at 8 and 11 A. M. and at 5 P. M. The Right Rev. Charles Sumner Burch, Bishop of New York, will preach.

HYLAN'S GREETING  
EXHORTS TO THRIFTSays Private Expenditure  
Must Now Be Curbed.

Mayor Hylan issued a Christmas greeting to the people of the City of New York yesterday.

"Although the ugly passions of war terminated more than a year ago," it began, "many forces are still operating to create discord and dissension on both continents."

The Mayor referred to "alien firebrands," to unrest in the business world, and declared that the "worker has ceased to be regarded as a chastei

### and capital is everywhere adopting a policy of humanitarianism. Such a policy is indeed imperative," he added, "if our future citizens are to be moved from the ranks of the malcontents."

After throwing a bouquet at the work of the Mayor's Committee on Rent Profiteering the Mayor added this for himself:

"The travelling public are still able to enjoy the only benefit they receive

### under the dual subway contracts—the cent fare. To preserve this the city administration has been opposing and will continue to oppose the powerful traction interests who would abrogate a solemn contract."

Having eliminated waste and extravagance from the municipal household, the Mayor declared, he is of the opinion that private expenditures must be curbed. It is time to practice thrift.

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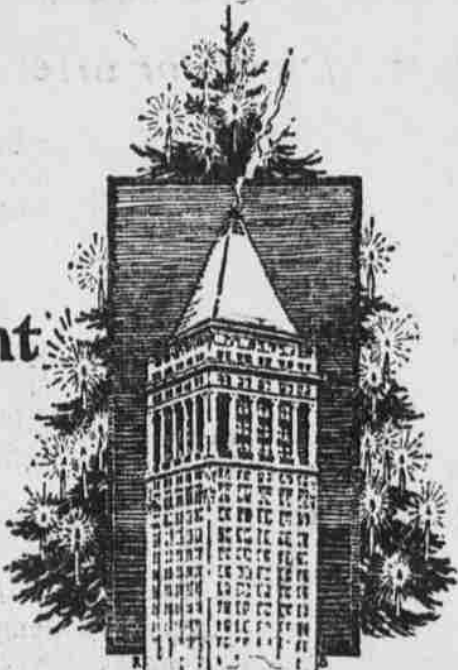
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High Buckskin Boots in Fawn and Beaver shades, with light welt soles and covered Louis heels.  
Also smart two-tone effects of Kid and Buckskin.

#### Walking Boots

All-over Tan Calfskin of heavy grain, full wing tip and walking heels.  
Also some smooth Russian Calfskin in brogue effect, with straight tip.

#### Winter Oxfords

Tan Calf Brogue Oxfords with heavy sole and walking heel.  
Same model in Black Calfskin.

#### Tailored Models

All-over Brown Kid Boots with welt soles. Cuban or Military heels.



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